

2012 Clean Water Indiana Grant



The Clean Water Indiana (CWI) Program was established to provide financial assistance to landowners and conservation groups. The financial assistance supports the implementation of conservation practices which will reduce nonpoint sources of water pollution through education, technical assistance, training, and cost sharing programs.

The CWI fund is administered by the Division of Soil Conservation under the direction of the State Soil Conservation Board. The (CWI) Program is responsible for providing local matching funds as well as grants for sediment and nutrient reduction projects through Indiana's Soil and Water Conservation Districts. CWI also contributes critical state matching funds for Indiana's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, an initiative which utilizes federal funds to encourage landowners to conserve environmentally sensitive land.

Furthermore, the (CWI) Program has supported the Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative which focuses on management systems approach to crop production which results in improved soil and water quality as well as profitability on Indiana cropland.

During state fiscal year 2012, the State Soil Conservation Board awarded 21 Clean Water Indiana grants totaling \$1,078,000. Grant funds can be used for Cost Share Incentives, Technical Assistance, and Adult Education (maximum of \$1,000 per year).

LEAD DISTRICT: DELAWARE
COLLABORATING DISTRICTS: MADISON, RANDOLPH, BLACKFORD
TARGET WATERSHEDS: UPPER WHITE, MISSISSINEWA, PIPE CREEK, DUCK CREEK, GEIST RESERVOIR-FALL CREEK, BIG LICK CREEK
PROJECT NAME: ON-FARM NETWORK®
PROJECT DATES: 5/1/2012-4/30/2015
PROJECT AMOUNT: \$40,000

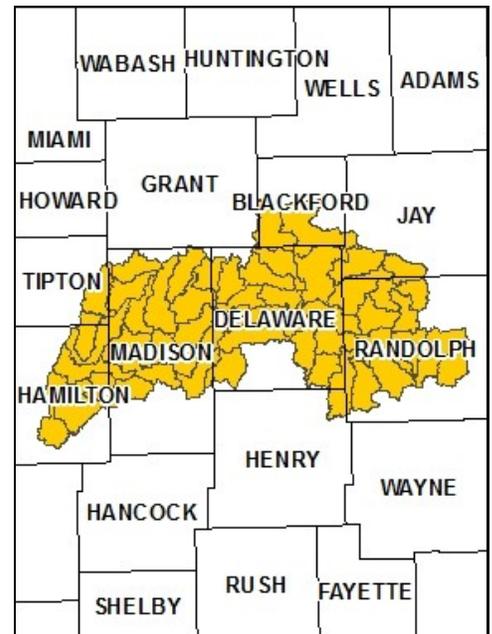


Purpose: Employ On-Farm Network® specialist and promote conservation programs

An On-Farm Network® Group was established in the area with 11 producers in the partnering counties (and two more waiting to join the group next year), led by the District Coordinator/Conservation Technician under the employ of the Delaware County SWCD. County level funding for this position has been eliminated. This grant will fund the position, on a watershed basis, and also provide CREP support for the watershed.

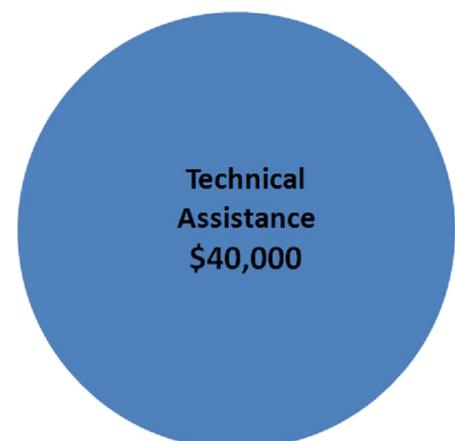
The On-Farm Network® addresses a common concern shared by most watersheds in Central Indiana - effective nutrient management that keeps farm fertilizers, whether commercial or organic, on the fields and out of surface waters.

The CREP support provided by the staff member above will include development of promotional material, holding training workshops for USDA and SWCD staff members to teach promotional methods and to inform of the benefits CREP has to offer, and attending field days and workshops in the area to promote the program.



REQUESTED GRANT FUNDS WILL GO TO SUPPORT AND RETAIN AN ON-FARM NETWORK® SPECIALIST FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS WHO IS ALREADY SERVING AS THE GROUP LEADER IN THIS AREA.

This region and its watersheds were chosen because they share common concerns, common USDA boundaries, and the SWCD's have worked together in the past on other projects.



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